

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A method for displaying an electronic program guide to a viewer, the method comprising:
displaying multiple channel identifiers on a display;
displaying multiple time slot identifiers on the display;
displaying multiple program titles on the display, each program title located in a display area corresponding to the displayed channel identifier of the channel carrying the program and the displayed time slot identifier corresponding to the time slot of the program;
fixing a program selection area corresponding to a predefined selection region of the display;
bounding a program selection area from vertical movement, while allowing the program selection area to move horizontally; and
scrolling the program titles on the display in response to viewer requests, thereby changing the program corresponding to the program selection area.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising communicating the location of the selection region to the viewer by highlighting at least one of the time slot identifier and the channel identifier aligned with the selection region.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein scrolling comprises moving the display contents to give the appearance of fluid motion.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein scrolling is accompanied by a visual scrolling cue.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising displaying program details for the program appearing in the selection region within the selection region in a program details area of the display, and updating the program details when a different program title is scrolled into the selection region.

7. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 6, wherein the program details are A method for displaying an electronic program guide to a viewer, the method comprising:~~

~~displaying multiple channel identifiers on a display;~~

~~displaying multiple time slot identifiers on the display;~~

~~displaying multiple program titles on the display, each program title located in a display area corresponding to the displayed channel identifier of the channel carrying the program and the displayed time slot identifier corresponding to the time slot of the program;~~

~~fixing a program selection area corresponding to a predefined selection region of the display;~~

~~scrolling the program titles on the display in response to viewer requests, thereby changing the program corresponding to the program selection area;~~

~~displaying program details for the program appearing in the selection region in a program details area of the display, and updating the program details when a different program title is scrolled into the selection region; and~~

~~simultaneously displaying program details for multiple programs corresponding to the displayed channel identifier of the program appearing in the selection region, the program details for each one of the multiple programs displayed in a section of the program details area corresponding to that program's time slot.~~

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the selection region and the program display ~~details~~ area appear as a single area.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the single area is approximately centered in one dimension of the display.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 6, wherein displaying multiple program titles comprises A method for displaying an electronic program guide to a viewer, the method~~

comprising:

displaying multiple channel identifiers on a display;

displaying multiple time slot identifiers on the display;

displaying multiple program titles on the display, each program title located in a display area corresponding to the displayed channel identifier of the channel carrying the program and the displayed time slot identifier corresponding to the time slot of the program;

displaying the program titles in bounded display areas resembling a three-dimensional stack of file tabs, and scrolling the program titles comprises manipulating the stack to create the appearance of the display of file contents for a file tab when the file tab is scrolled into the selection region;

fixing a program selection area corresponding to a predefined selection region of the display;

scrolling the program titles on the display in response to viewer requests, thereby changing the program corresponding to the program selection area; and

displaying program details for the program appearing in the selection region in a program details area of the display, and updating the program details when a different program title is scrolled into the selection region.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the width and position of a file tab correspond to the run-time and start time of the program whose title is displayed in the file tab.

12. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein displaying multiple program titles comprises:

displaying the program titles in bounded display areas resembling sectors on the rim of a wheel, and scrolling the program titles comprises manipulating the wheel to create the appearance of wheel rotation.

13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein displaying multiple program titles comprises:

displaying the program titles in bounded display areas resembling sectors on the rim of a wheel, and scrolling the program titles comprises manipulating the wheel to create the appearance of wheel rotation.

14-21. (Canceled)

22. (New) A method for displaying an electronic program guide to a viewer, the method comprising:

displaying multiple channel identifiers within a first region of a display having a channel selection region, one of the channel identifiers displayed within the channel selection region;

displaying multiple time slot identifiers in a vertical column on the display;

displaying multiple program titles on the display, each program title horizontally aligned with the displayed time slot identifier or identifiers corresponding to the time slot of the program title, each program title corresponding to the channel identifier displayed within the channel selection region; and

scrolling the channel identifiers within the first region of the display to place a different channel identifier within the channel selection region on the display in response to a viewer request, thereby changing the displayed program titles to correspond to the different channel identifier.

23. (New) The method of claim 22, further comprising defining a program selection region corresponding to a selected region of the display, and scrolling the time slot identifiers and program titles in response to a viewer request, thereby changing the program

corresponding to the program selection area.

24. (New) The method of claim 23, further comprising displaying, within the program selection region of the display, program details for the program title appearing in the program selection region, and updating the program details when a different program title is scrolled into the program selection region.

25. (New) A method for displaying an electronic program guide to a viewer, the method comprising:

displaying multiple channel identifiers on a display;
displaying multiple time slot identifiers on the display;
displaying multiple program titles on the display, each program title located in a display area corresponding to the displayed channel identifier of the channel carrying the program and the displayed time slot identifier corresponding to the time slot of the program;
fixing a program selection area corresponding to a predefined selection region near the center of the display; and

scrolling the program titles on the display in response to viewer requests, thereby changing the program corresponding to the program selection area while programs both before and after the selected area remain visible.

26. (New) A method for displaying an electronic program guide to a viewer, the method comprising:

displaying multiple channel identifiers on a display;
displaying multiple time slot identifiers on the display;
displaying multiple program titles on the display, each program title located in a display area corresponding to the displayed channel identifier of the channel carrying the program and the displayed time slot identifier corresponding to the time slot of the program;

fixing a program selection area corresponding to a predefined selection region of the display;

displaying, within the program selection region of the display, program details for the program title appearing in the program selection region, and updating the program details when a different program title is scrolled into the program selection region; and

scrolling the program titles on the display in response to viewer requests, thereby changing the program corresponding to the program selection area.
